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Continued US maritime piracy and banditry will face ‘practical, unprecedented’ response: Source

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The continued American maritime piracy and banditry in the form of so-called ″naval blockade″ will soon be met with “practical and unprecedented action,” a high-ranking security source told Press TV on Wednesday.

Iran′s armed forces – operating under the Khatam al-Anbiya Headquarters as the war command – believe that patience has limits and that a punishing response is necessary if Washington maintains its illegal naval blockade around the Strait of Hormuz, the source said.

He further emphasized that Iran has proven in recent imposed wars that the United States no longer faces a passive or predictable adversary.

Through the spirited resistance of its people and armed forces, and the wise, courageous, and decisive leadership of the Leader of the Islamic Revolution, Ayatollah Seyyed Mojtaba Khamenei, Iran has managed to neutralize and discredit all American options on the table.

The source said the restraint shown by armed forces so far has been intended to give diplomacy a chance, allowing the United States to learn of and accept Iran′s conditions for ending the war permanently.

This pause, he hastened to add, was meant to provide President Donald Trump an opportunity to pull the United States out of the current quagmire it finds itself in.

However, if American obstinacy and delusions continue and Iran's conditions are rejected, the official warned that the enemy should soon expect a different kind of response to the ongoing naval blockade, which is akin to maritime banditry.

He also referred to the economic consequences of closing the Strait of Hormuz and maintaining a naval blockade, which, in essence, is American maritime banditry.

While acknowledging that such actions would affect all countries – including Iran – the source noted that Iran's decades of experience in circumventing sanctions, its thousands of kilometers of land borders, and its pre-existing measures to counter maritime sieges make the country far more resilient to economic pressure than the United States.

Notably, the high-ranking security source contrasted Iranian public opinion with that of the American people, saying Iran's population holds the US responsible for the current situation, whereas American public opinion does not side with its own government, instead blaming the incumbent government for the unprovoked war on Iran and its aftermath.

The high-level source further warned that a continued American blockade and closure of the Strait of Hormuz might ultimately harm the US more than Iran and that a decisive response is deemed necessary by the top military command to completely discredit even this remaining American option.

The US-Israeli coalition launched an unprovoked and illegal war of aggression against the Islamic Republic on February 28, amidst nuclear talks, triggering a strong Iranian response.

Nearly 60 days into the war imposed on Iran, the United States is now searching for an off-ramp, having suffered significant losses on both the battlefield and at the negotiating table.

Last week, after the two-week ceasefire ended, Trump unilaterally extended it indefinitely, and his administration has since been in back-channel talks with

Pakistan to resume negotiations with the Iranian side, suggesting he wants to exit the quagmire.

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